

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**  
**IN-PRESS COATING METHOD AND COMPOSITION**

5           A method and composition are provided for applying a single aqueous  
coating composition to a composite substrate during an in-press molding  
operation to achieve (i) improved initial whiteness in a white pigmented  
composition, (ii) excellent color retention / stability and (iii) excellent press  
release properties. The aqueous coating composition incorporates an ion  
10   exchange resin and serves as a combined sealer and topcoat finish for press  
molded composite substrates.